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Honorable David E. Lilienthal
Chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Lilienthal:

In extension of my letter of January 1 in which I expressed agreement with the proposed formula for the transfer of the Foreign Intelligence Section of the Manhattan District to the Central Intelligence Group, I wish to advise you that I have directed the transfer of the military and civilian personnel with the necessary working equipment and files be accomplished not later than February 23.

I find this necessary because of the requirement for adjusting the payment of the civilians in this group, as well as the need for providing suitable office space since they must vacate the space they now occupy not later than February 23.

The Director of the Central Intelligence Group, General Vandenberg, advises me that the files of the Foreign Intelligence Section will continue to be available to Messrs. Wilson, Volpe, and Huddelson as long as they require access to them.

I am furnishing the Secretary of Navy and the Secretary of State with copies of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Robert P. Patterson
Secretary of War